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1. Down to June 1952 a considerable number of supporting structures had been erected for the Nowa Huta metallurgical combine. In December 1951 the shops for steel construction were completed; in May 1952, the construction of the mechanical repair shops; and in June 1952, the electrical shops. These installations, which include 176,000 cubic meters altogether, are to furnish replacements and overhaul facilities for the combine. Included among them are also the iron and steel casting shops which were to be ready in November 1952, as well as the assembly shops.
2. In the summer of 1952 there were begun the major sections of the combine, including the power station, the coking plant, a chemical plant for the production of fireproof materials, and the major metallurgical works, the sections with ovens, a steel and a rolling mill. The first oven is to be ready in mid-1953.<sup>1</sup> The oven installation at Nowa Huta is to be larger than any in Western Europe. When it is in operation, the production during the first six months is to be 150,000 tons of cast iron.
3. It is not yet clear how much steel the combine will be able to produce next year, since it is uncertain how soon the Martin ovens will be ready. It was formerly calculated that the construction of the whole combine would take until 1957. When the first units are ready in 1955, Nowa Huta is supposed to produce 800,000 tons, and in the year 1957, 1,500,000 tons. This figure has been raised by extending the capacity of the combine, and it is now considered that when it is complete the yearly production will be 2,500,000 tons.

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